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In re Application of:

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For: SHIPPING AND TRANSPORTATION  
OPTIMIZATION SYSTEM AND METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Please replace page 74, to correct the dependence in claim 54 from claim 54 to claim 53.

A marked-up version of page 74 is also attached to show the change made to compare the prior version with the corrected page.

REMARKS

Prior to the examination, Applicants amend claim 54 to correct a typographical error. No new matter is being introduced by this amendment which is being made to place the application in better form for examination. It is respectfully requested that the above amendment be considered when the application is examined on its merits.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request that the above amendment be considered when the application is examined on its merits and the timely allowance of the